<u>Former Public Works Site – Update on Exploration Phase</u>

The City continues to collect ideas and suggestions for public and private facilities to consider at this vacant site behind Jerry's Foods and across from Our Lady of Grace Church. The City is working in partnership with Frauenshuh, Inc. to prepare development scenarios that include complementary public and private components – similar to Edinborough Park or Centennial Lakes, but on a smaller scale. The general idea being that revenue raised at the 'private' component could help pay for the new 'public' component.

An <u>update</u> was presented to City Council on Feb. 3, 2015. Based on the suggestions and comments collected to date, there appears to be shared interest in four types of community facilities on a portion of the site:

- New Community Recreation Center
- New Community Arts & Culture Center
- New Community Performing Arts Center
- New Multi-Purpose Community Center (welcoming to all ages with indoor & outdoor space)

Residents have also expressed interest in more restaurants and more housing options on a portion of the site. In addition to these shared themes, some residents have also expressed concern with the expense of a new community facility while others suggest that the site be retained for future public use.

The design team will continue to collect input from community members for the next several weeks.

If you and your neighbors have ideas to share or questions to ask, please contact Heather Branigin at 952-826-0403 or hbranigin@EdinaMN.gov to schedule an Exploration Session. Sessions can be customized to be as brief as 15-minutes or up to 1-hour in length depending on the time available. Daytime and evening hours are available. Alternatively, feel free to be part of the online conversation occurring at www.SpeakUpEdina.org.

All comments and suggestions will be considered as the design team prepares initial concepts to discuss at the next public Discovery Session.

<u>Former Public Works Site – Save the Date for Upcoming Sessions</u>

Discovery Session (public comment and evaluation of initial re-use ideas and concepts)
7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Edina Public Works Facility, 7450 Metro Blvd (west of Hwy 100, between 70th & 77th streets)
NOTE NEW LOCATION!

Open House (View and comment on possible scenarios) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2015 Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square